

January 25, 2002

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FROM: HMS Division-Southeast Regional Office

SUBJECT: 2001 Fishing Year Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update as of December 31, 2001¹



NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH

	Dressed Weight (lbs)	Quota (lbs)	Percent of Quota Taken
Directed Fishery: First Semi-Annual Season (June-Nov. 2001)			
Longline (directed permits)	1,626,685		
Rod/reel	3,327		
Harpoon	11,038		
Total	1,641,050	2,389,786³	69%
Directed Fishery: Second Semi-Annual Season (Dec. 2001-May 2002)			
Longline (directed permits)	168,198		
Rod/reel	240		
Harpoon	0		
Total	168,438	2,389,786³	7%
Directed Fishery Total	1,809,488		
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)			
Longline (incidental permits)	36,631		
Otter Trawl	1,933		
Recreational ²	n/a		
Other	0		
Total	38,564	1,324,524³	3%

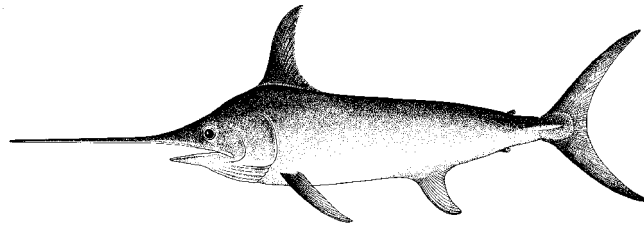
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH (annual quota)

	Landings (lbs)	Quota (lbs)	Percent Quota Taken
Total	0	637,129	0%

¹These data are preliminary and subject to revision based on late reports, final landings by incidental permit holders, and recreational landings estimates. They do not represent final landings as estimated by NMFS.

²Recreational swordfish landings are counted against the annual Incidental quota. Those estimates are not available until the end of the fishing year and therefore are not included in this report.

³These numbers reflect an August 2001 transfer of unused 1999 swordfish quota to the current fishing year.



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**Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
January 24, 2002**

The 2001 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2001, and ends May 31, 2002.

As of December 31, 2001, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2001, and ending May 31, 2002, indicate that:

- S** 1,674,248 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 70% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 715,538 lbs dw remains of the first semiannual quota.
- 171,871 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0.07% of the quota for the SECOND SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 2,217,915 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2002.
- S** 1,933 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 1,322,591 lbs dw remains to be landed through May 31, 2002.

As of December 31, 2001, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2001, and ending May 31, 2002, indicate that:

- S** 0 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 637,129 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2002.

